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SUBJ: INVITATION TO FONMIN ANTUNES TO VISIT THE
NETHERLANDS

1. IN AN APRIL 1 DISCUSSION OF THE PROTUGUESE SITUA-
TION FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN MENTIONED TO
CHARGE THAT THE DUTCH HAD LEARNED THAT THE FRG HAD
INVITED ANTUNES TO VISIT GERMANY AT A CONVENIENT
TIME IN THE COMPING PERIOD. IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOP-
MENT THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TO LISBON HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO INVITE ANTUNES TO STOP IN THE
NETHERLANDS AT SUCH TIME AS HE DECIDED TO PICK UP THE
GERMAN INVITATION. RUTTEN GAVE NO INDICATION OF
WHETHER THE VISIT TO THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS LIKELY OR
WHEN IT MIGHT OCCUR.

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2. AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS RUTTEN EXPRESSED CONCERN AND FRUSTRATION OVER THE INABILITY OF THE EC COUNTRIES TO DO MUCH ABOUT THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL. NEWS REPORTS ABOUT SOVIET PROMISES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE VISITING PORTUGUESE LABOR MINISTER WERE NOT CALCULATED TO MAKE ONE FEEL OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PORTUGAL'S ORIENTATION TO THE WEST. FURTHERMORE, IF THE SOVIETS HAD OFFERED AND THE GOP HAD ACCEPTED MILITARY ASSISTANCE AS WELL THIS COULD CREATE AN INTOLERABLE SITUATION FOR NATO. REFERRING TO UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND LATER OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, RUTTEN THOUGHT THAT THE END PRODUCT MIGHT BE SOME SORT OF COMMON DECLARATION INCORPORATING THE GIST OF THE INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHES MADE BY THE NETHERLANDS AND OTHER EC AMBASSADORS IN LISBON. RUTTEN HAD NO ILLUSION, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH A DECLARATION WOULD MATERIALLY AFFECT THE EVOLUTION OF THE SITUATION. TANGUY

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